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Elementary Schools — Aided — payment of annual grants — Fixation of time limit — Rules for the same amended.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

From

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Rc.No.647 B7/52-2, dated 1755.52.

Sir,

Sub: Education - Elementary - Aided Schools - Payment of arrear grants - Fixation of time limit for claims - Proposals - Submitted.

The proposals submitted by the District Educational Officers every year for my sanction for the payment of arrears of grants and allowances due to teachrs and managers of elementary schools, have brought to notice claims relating to very old dues which were not paid to the persons, concerned due to very many reasons. In cases where such claims could not be paid and disposed of in time for legal reasons such as claims by heirs of deceased persons pending in a court of law or for other unavoidable causes, it may be obligatory on the part of the department to consider such claims for payment. But in all other cases where the belated claims are made without any satisfactory reasons for belatedness, it should be open to the department to refuse to entertain them, as it would be avoidable waste of time and effort to examine the genuineness of such claims. Even in private transactions the law allows the fixation of a time limit of three years beyond which a claim becomes time barred. As I find that arrear claims for grants have been increasing year by year and are being made without regard either to the amount involved or to the distance of time at which they are claimed without any acceptable reason, I propose that payment may be restricted to claims to dues which are not more than three years old. I have consulted the Government Pleader, Madras, and he is agreeable to the proposal. I therefore submit it to the Government for approval along with the following draft amendment necessitated by it to Rule 12 of the Rules for Aid to Elementary Schools.

Amendment.

The following may be added to the existing rule, viz., "Provided that no arrear grant shall be sanctioned if it is not claimed within a period of three years after the close of the year to which it appertains, unless it can be proved to the satisfaction of the departmental officers that the claim could not be made earlier owing to unavoidable circumstances, viz., proceedings in a court of law and time taken to decide heirship or guardianship.

Yours faithfully,

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For Director of Public Instruction.

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